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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert an Abstract of the disclosure as appended at the end of this

Amendment and labeled Appendix 1.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3-9 as follows (for the Examiner's convenience, a clean copy of all pending claims is being reproduced below, with amended claims 3-9 being so labeled, and a marked-up version of the amended claims being submitted in Appendix 2 attached at the end of this Amendment):

1. A bituminous upper layer draining blanket comprising two partially superposed layers whereof the upper layer contains aggregate with low particle-size distribution and a modified bituminous binder, and whereof the lower layer contains aggregate with high